IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Docket Number: In re application of: Hitoshi Fujimiya et al. Y03S013-US Serial No.: 10/761885 Not known Group Art Unit: January 21, 2004 Filed: FOR: COMPUTER SOFTWARE PROGRAM FOR GRAPHICALLY DISPLAYING GENETIC LINKAGE UNBALANCES, AND THE METHOD THEREOF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above referenced application

as follows:

Amendment to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.